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DIRECTOR

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Resubmitted: September 17, 2007

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Special Fishing Regulations, Fumee Lake, Dickinson County, Fishing Closure (FO-211)

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to provide for better protection and preservation of fish, game, and birds.

Discussion and Background:

Fumee Lake has a unique fish population as a result of more than 30 years of regulated public use which excluded fishing. A Dickinson City ordinance, established prior to 1994, prohibits access for the purpose of fishing at this time.

This order, allowing restricted fishing, was established initially in 1994, in anticipation that fishing would someday be permitted on Fumee Lake. If the ban on fishing is reversed sometime in the future, special regulations will be needed to protect this exceptional fishery. The current fisheries order is set to expire in April 2008. It is proposed that this order be renewed.

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Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information at the September 2007, Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 4, 2007, calendar and is eligible for approval on October 11, 2007. We are recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting.

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Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

# **ORDER**

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(Under the authority of Act 451  
of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended)

## **SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS FUMEE LAKE, DICKINSON COUNTY, FISHING CLOSURE**

Under the authority of sections 41101 through 41105 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.41101 through 324.41105 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on October 11, 2007, ordered that for a period of five years the following regulations will apply to Fumee Lake, Dickinson County.

Season: Open to fishing only from July 1 through September 30. Closed to fishing the rest of the year.

Catch and release for all species. All caught fish must be immediately returned to the water.

Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used for fishing. Live bait, dead or prepared bait, organic or processed food, or scented material may not be used or possessed at any time on either the waters or shore of Fumee and Little Fumee Lakes.

This order is assigned number FO-211.08, and is entitled "Special Fishing Regulations, Fumee Lake, Dickinson County, Fishing Closure."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Special Fishing Regulations, Fumee Lake, Dickinson County, Fishing Closure" effective September 29, 2002, and assigned FO-211.02.

This order shall take effect April 1, 2008, and shall remain effective through March 31, 2013.

Issued on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this order.

Keith J. Charters  
Chairperson

Teresa Gloden  
Executive Secretary